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Monthly General Fund Receipts through November 30, 2010

The spreadsheet at the end of this document presents FY 2011 General Fund total net receipts with comparable figures for actual FY 2010. The figures can be compared to the FY 2011 estimate of \$5.677 billion set by the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) on October 11, 2010. The FY 2011 projection is an estimated increase of \$183.9 million (3.3%) compared to actual FY 2010 total net receipts (excludes transfers). The next REC meeting is December 6, 2010.

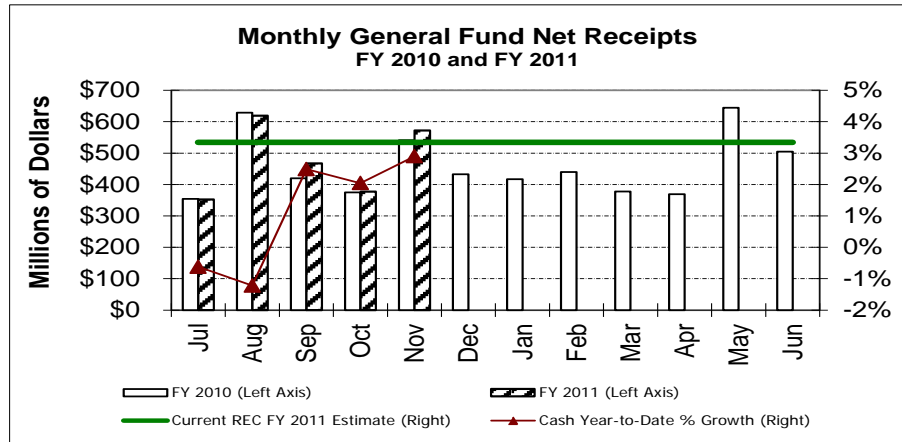
FY 2011 Monthly Estimate Comparison - Dollars in Millions						
Most Recent REC Projected Growth for the Year, Excluding Transfers = + 3.34%						
Year-to-Date Ending:	Year-to-Date FY 2010	Year-to-Date FY 2011	Dollar Change	% Change	Year-to-Date Change at REC Estimate for the Entire Year	Year-to-Date Above (Below) Estimated Change
Oct	\$1,777.6	\$1,813.9	\$36.3	2.0%	\$59.4	-\$23.1
Nov	2,318.6	2,385.7	67.1	2.9%	77.4	-10.3
Dec	2,751.0					
Jan	3,168.1					
Feb	3,607.6					
Mar	3,985.2					
Apr	4,354.7					
May	4,999.0					
Jun	5,504.0					
Year end	5,492.8					

FY 2011 Compared to FY 2010

Year-to-date FY 2011 total net receipts (excluding transfers) increased \$67.1 million (2.9%) compared to FY 2010. The year-to-date revenue change is significantly impacted by the racing and gaming receipt deposit timing issue discussed in the Other Receipts section below. Without this issue, net receipts would show an increase of approximately 5.0% year-to-date. Major sources and their contribution to the FY 2011 change include:

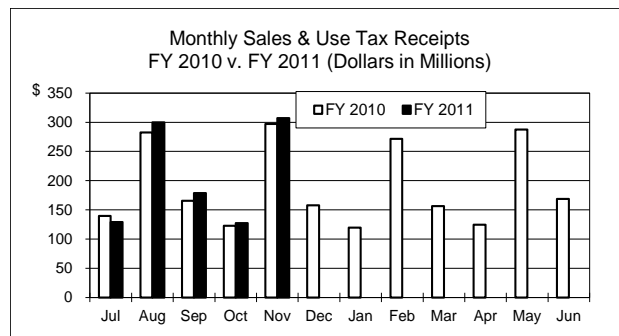
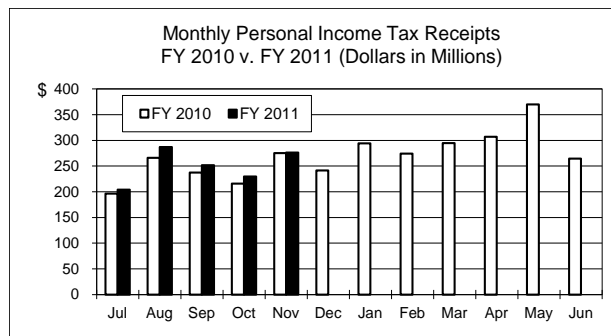
- Personal income tax (positive \$57.6 million, 4.8%)
- Sales/use tax (positive \$34.8 million, 3.5%)
- Corporate tax (positive \$2.8 million, 2.3%)

- Other taxes (positive \$5.4 million, 2.9%)
- Other receipts (negative \$60.7 million, - 34.1%)
- Tax refunds not including school infrastructure refunds (positive \$35.2 million)
- School infrastructure sales/use tax refunds (negative \$8.2 million)



Personal Income Tax revenues received in November totaled \$276.2 million, an increase of \$0.8 million (0.3%) compared to November 2009.

The FY 2011 REC income tax estimate of \$3.352 billion represents a projected increase of 3.6% compared to actual FY 2010. Through November, total income tax receipts increased 4.8%. By subcategory, withholding payments increased \$47.9 million (4.6%), estimate payments increased \$2.8 million (2.6%), and payments with returns increased \$6.9 million (21.0%). The following chart compares FY 2011 monthly income tax receipts with FY 2010.



Sales/Use Tax receipts received in November totaled \$307.1 million, an increase of \$10.1 million (3.4%) compared to November 2009.

The REC estimate for FY 2011 sales/use tax receipts is \$2.380 billion, an increase of 3.8% compared to actual FY 2010. Through November, sales/use tax receipts increased 3.5%. The preceding chart compares FY 2011 monthly sales/use tax receipts with FY 2010.

Corporate Income Tax receipts received in November totaled \$16.6 million, a decrease of \$5.2 million (- 23.9%) compared to November 2009.

The REC estimate for FY 2011 corporate tax revenue is \$421.0 million, an increase of 8.1% compared to actual FY 2010. Through November, corporate income tax receipts increased 2.3%.

Other tax receipts received in November totaled \$24.2 million, a decrease of \$0.5 million (- 2.0%) compared to November 2009. Inheritance tax receipts decreased \$1.1 million while cigarette and tobacco taxes were up slightly for the month.

The REC estimate for FY 2011 other tax revenue is \$434.1 million, an increase of 0.1% compared to actual FY 2010. Through November, other tax receipts increased 2.9%.

Other receipts (non-tax receipts) received in November totaled \$35.8 million, an increase of \$16.3 million (83.6%) compared to November 2009. As a result of recent legislation, \$66.0 million in racing and gaming revenue were not deposited to the General Fund until later in the fiscal year. These receipts have begun to be deposited into the General Fund and resulted in an increase in November racing and gaming revenue of \$16.5 million compared to last November. However, the impact for the year-to-date racing and gaming receipts is negative \$48.2 million, cash year-to-date. The full \$66.0 million in racing and gaming receipts will be deposited in the General Fund later in the fiscal year.

The REC estimate for FY 2011 other receipts revenue is \$347.5 million, a decrease of 3.3% compared to actual FY 2010. Through November, other receipts decreased 34.1%.

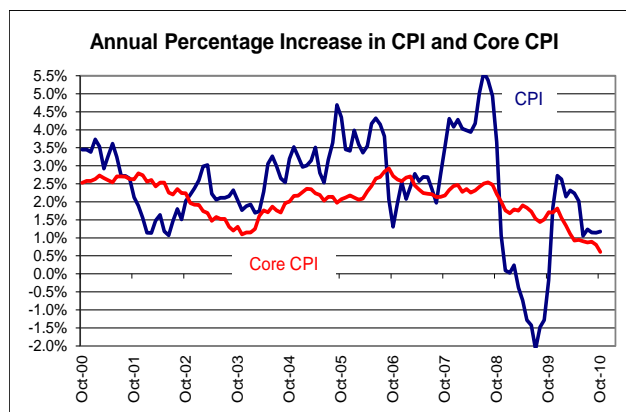
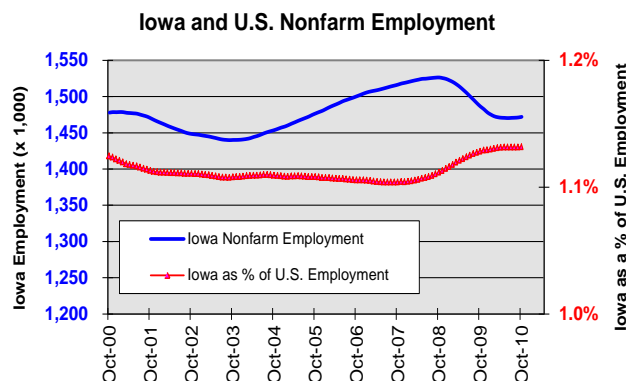
Tax Refunds issued in November totaled \$54.2 million, a decrease of \$12.7 million (- 19.0%) compared to November 2009. Cash year-to-date, regular tax refunds decreased \$35.2 million.

Status of the Economy

Iowa nonfarm employment was reported at 1,497,800 for the month of October (not seasonally adjusted), 10,300 higher (0.7%) than October 2009.

Iowa's 12-month average employment is presented in a graph below. Iowa's average non-farm employment peaked in October 2008 at 1,526,400, 47,700 above the peak prior to the previous recession (January 2001). The current 12-month average reading is now 1,472,000, resulting in annual average Iowa nonfarm employment 54,300 below the October 2008 peak and 6,700 below the January 2001 peak. This situation is not unique to Iowa, as current U.S. nonfarm employment is also below the peak experienced prior to the 2001 U.S. recession.

The employment chart also presents Iowa nonfarm employment as a percent of U.S. nonfarm employment. Iowa's share of U.S. nonfarm employment decreased noticeably from 1999 through 2002. The decline continued at a much slower pace from 2002 through 2007. Iowa's share of U.S. nonfarm employment has been improving since the start of the recession in December 2007; however, the improvement has moderated considerably in recent months.



The Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) through October 2010 was 218.7 (1983/84=100). Consumer prices increased 0.1% in October (not seasonally adjusted) and the annual rate of inflation now stands at 1.2%. The annual rate of inflation peaked at 5.6% in July 2008 and decreased rapidly in the following months.

Core CPI, an inflation measure excluding food and energy expenditures, was 0.1% in October and totals 0.6%, year-over-year. The core inflation rate declined considerably from the early 1990s through January 2004 when the rate bottomed at 1.1%. The core inflation rate accelerated from that point, with most readings between 2.0% and 3.0%. With the onset of the recent recession, the annual core inflation rate has declined and has now been below 2.0% for twenty-three consecutive months. For the two components excluded from the core rate, energy prices are up 5.9% year-over-year while food prices are up 1.4%.

Information related to State General Fund receipts is available on the Fiscal Services Division's website at: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/receipts/daily.html>

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS - FY 2010 vs. FY 2011 July 1 through November 30 (in millions of dollars) Dollars may not add due to rounding. Percentages calculated on rounded numbers.					ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS (in millions of dollars) FY 10 Actual Compared to FY 11 REC Estimate		
	FY 2010	FY 2011	Year to Date % Change	November % Change	Actual FY 2010	Estimate FY 2011	Projected % Change
Personal Income Tax	\$ 1,190.7	\$ 1,248.3	4.8%	0.3%	\$ 3,235.9	\$ 3,352.0	3.6%
Sales/Use Tax	1,007.2	1,042.0	3.5%	3.4%	2,293.0	2,380.2	3.8%
Corporate Income Tax	119.9	122.7	2.3%	-23.9%	389.3	421.0	8.1%
Inheritance Tax	32.9	28.3	-14.0%	-19.6%	67.4	70.8	5.0%
Insurance Premium Tax	40.1	49.4	23.2%	-100.0%	88.6	93.9	6.0%
Cigarette Tax	87.4	85.5	-2.2%	1.9%	206.1	199.9	-3.0%
Tobacco Tax	11.1	12.0	8.1%	22.2%	26.0	27.6	6.2%
Beer Tax	6.6	6.6	0.0%	0.0%	14.4	14.7	2.1%
Franchise Tax	8.7	9.0	3.4%	0.0%	31.6	26.6	-15.8%
Miscellaneous Tax	-1.1	0.3	127.3%	0.0%	-0.4	0.6	-250.0%
Total Gross Taxes	\$ 2,503.2	\$ 2,604.1	4.0%	0.9%	\$ 6,352.0	\$ 6,587.3	3.7%
Institutional Payments	6.1	4.5	-26.2%	-27.3%	14.8	15.4	4.1%
Liquor Profits	35.8	39.0	8.9%	2.4%	80.3	83.7	4.2%
Interest	0.8	1.8	125.0%	166.7%	4.0	2.0	-50.0%
Fees	16.8	11.2	-33.3%	-17.4%	47.8	23.7	-50.4%
Judicial Revenue	40.7	30.1	-26.0%	1.0%	108.6	108.7	0.1%
Miscellaneous Receipts	11.8	12.9	9.3%	-10.0%	37.8	48.0	27.0%
Racing and Gaming Receipts	66.0	17.8	-73.0%	0.0%	66.0	66.0	0.0%
TOTAL GROSS RECEIPTS	\$ 2,681.3	\$ 2,721.4	1.5%	3.4%	\$ 6,711.4	\$ 6,934.8	3.3%
Accrued Revenue-Net					13.1	-12.3	
Tax Refunds *	-207.2	-172.0	-17.0%	-19.0%	-859.1	-849.1	-1.2%
School Infrast. Refunds *	-155.5	-163.7	5.3%	11.5%	-372.5	-396.8	6.5%
TOTAL NET RECEIPTS	\$ 2,318.6	\$ 2,385.7	2.9%	5.7%	\$ 5,492.9	\$ 5,676.6	3.3%
<p>The Actual FY 2010 column is now final.</p> <p>* For FY 2010 and FY 2011 Year-to-Date columns, refunds are presented on a cash basis. For FY 2010 Actual and FY 2011 Estimate, refunds are presented on a fiscal year basis.</p>							